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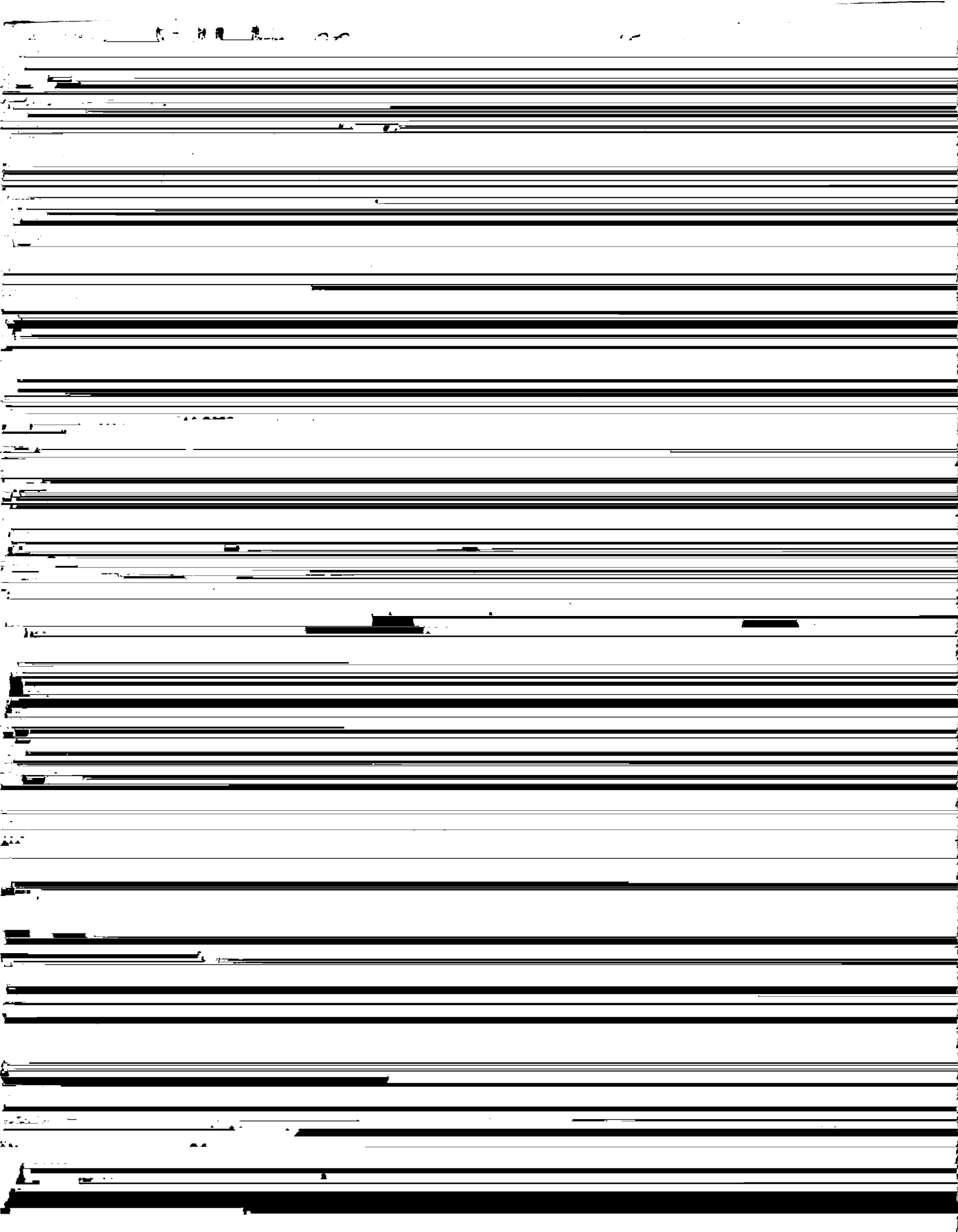
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Subject: Comments on Docket 92-235

With the increase in traffic over the past few years and the technological breakthroughs, updating Private Land Mobile Radio services and modifying policies and rules governing their use is quite appropriate. However in the area of Public Safety (fire, police, and emergency services) many of the changes proposed would



Third, the Commission proposed to designate approximately 250 channel pairs in the 150-162 MHz band for wide area, highly spectrum efficient operations. These channels would be made available to five licensees in each of seven regions on either a shared basis or as 50 channel exclusive blocks.

Fourth, the Commission proposed to consolidate the current 19 radio services. The Commission would either (a) consolidate the current radio services into three broad radio services (Public Safety, Non-Commercial and Specialized Mobile Radio) plus a General Category Pool encompassing all three services; or, (b) retain the current services and assign to those services their existing frequency assignments, but assign all new frequencies to the proposed new broad categories and the General Category pool.

Finally, the Commission proposed new technical and operational standards. For example, the Commission would significantly reduce permissible transmitting power levels to permit efficient geographic co-channel reuse. In addition, the Commission proposed to permit centralized trunking, to set aside channels for specific operational characteristics, and generally to simplify the rules. The new Part 88 would eliminate over 500 rules and footnotes. The Commission said these changes would greatly expand capacity and improve quality of service, without imposing unreasonable burdens on present or future licensees.

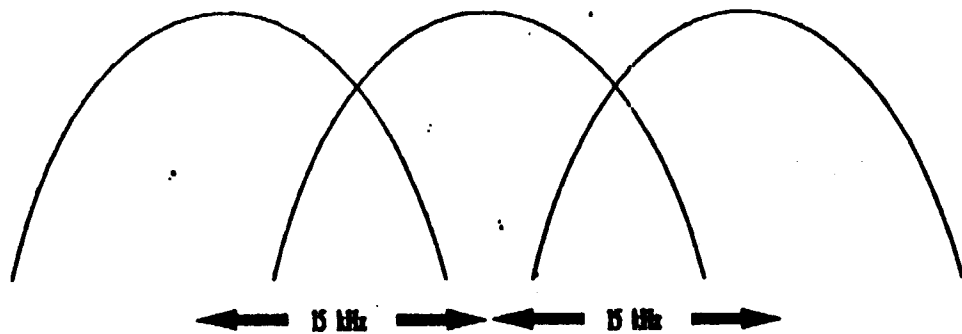
Action by the Commission October 8, 1992, by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 92-469). Chairman Sikes, Commissioners Quello, Marshall, Barrett, and Duggan, with Commissioner Barrett issuing a separate statement.

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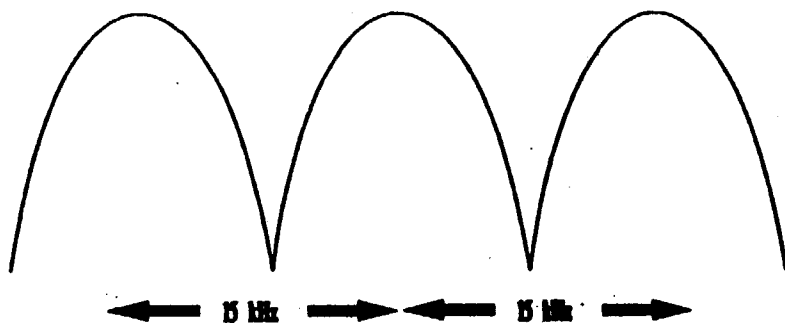
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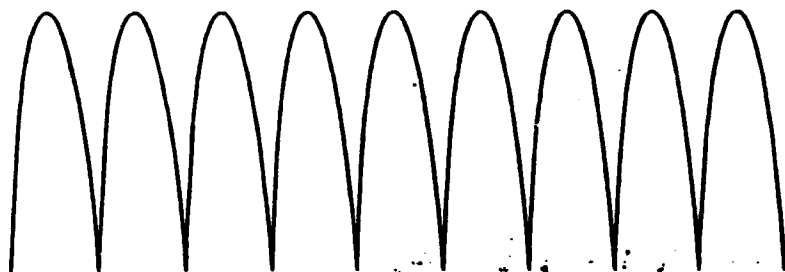
Channel Splits



**Current channel
at 150-174 MHz**



**Step 1 of
Channel Split**



**Step 2 of
Channel Split
(5 kHz)**